

REMARKS

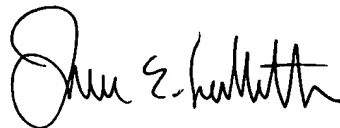
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-24 and 26-28 are allowed. Claim 30 is hereby canceled.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that each claim of the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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